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WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S GRANT MEETING IN NEW YORK CITY.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Administration circles are not pleased to-day with the impression made by their Grant meeting last night. It was neither as large nor spontaneous as the Liberal meeting last week, and the speakers are blamed by no biased Republican for being too bitter toward the opposition in their ranks, and too slavish in personal allegiance to Grant, denouncing all who are not ready to admit that he must be re-elected or the country plunged into ruin. Every Post Office, Custom House and Revenue official within twenty-five miles of New York labored to make the meeting imposing, but failed to exclude some of the thinning masses, as the ferry-boat approaches Greeley fetched them. The meeting landed Grant from head to foot with superlative praise, and not one of the speakers had a syllable of criticism to make, while many of them had the cruel to allude to the President's nepotism. Among all Grant orators, from Beecher down, this sin against logic and good taste is the most glaring. The President, at least, might and must have time to read the teeming wrong from Congressional delegations under the track of the petty whip and spur, the bitter pen of from Boscoe Conkling, G. W. Curtis and Schuyler Colfax. These letters are published to-day, and are singularly monotonous in adulation of Grant's firmness; the preservation and coordination of the three departments of the Government—Executive, Legislative and Judicial—in good faith of the three late amendments to the Constitution; the adjustment of our back taxes on a specie standard, with such discrimination only as the general interests may require; amnesty for all past political offenses; the preservation of the rights of labor; a speedy return of the currency to a specie standard; the accession of neighboring States, when fit, on the down with fellowship with international obligations, and without force or fraud; the protection of American citizens, whether native or naturalized, from the despotism of foreign Governments, and the inviolability of the national flag.

The platform concludes with an appeal to all patriots to come to the rescue to protect the Union of the States, the rights of citizens, and for the restoration of peace, progress, and prosperity to the entire people.

THE LIBERAL REPUBLICAN MOVEMENT IN IOWA AND WISCONSIN.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, April 18.—A call will be published to-morrow morning for a mass convention on Saturday evening, at the City Hall, of all those in sympathy with the Liberal Republican movement. Delegates will be appointed to a State Convention, to be held at Davenport on the 2d of May. The call is signed by J. A. Rhomberg, B. W. Poor, W. L. Bradley, Wm. Andrew, A. Tredway, P. Hinds, P. W. Crawford, H. Hill, D. Bonbright, G. Clocktinny, Peter Kiene, Jr., John H. Thompson, Wm. Hyde Clark, Thos. Simmons, John Mehlhof, J. W. Hase, Jr., John Wm. Vandever, Jr., and many others. The list includes many of the leading Republicans in the city. The Germans are said to be in Clayton County has appointed a full delegation to Davenport, including several who run for delegates to the late Republican State Convention.

RACINE, Wis., April 18.—At a large meeting of the Liberal Republicans of Racine, the following persons were selected as delegates to the Dunnell Convention May 1: John Vaughan, Charles Harris, B. F. Weeks, James H. Keller, R. S. Jones, T. J. Emerson, C. H. St. George, S. Judd, A. P. Dutton, Samuel Ellison, Charles Sercomb, was elected President and Samuel Ritchie Corresponding Secretary of the local club.

UNION LEAGUE IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The National Executive Committee of the Union League of America held their first meeting for the year at the Be Hotel this evening, with Governor Geary, of Pennsylvania, as temporary Chairman. After some routine business, ex-Governor W. A. Newell, of New Jersey, was elected Chairman for the year, and Thomas G. Baker, of New York, Secretary. A large amount of important business connected with the Presidential campaign was transacted, and interesting addresses were delivered by ex-Governor Hopkins, of Rhode Island; ex-Governor Chrisfield, of Maine; William V. Alexander, of New York; James Buchanan, of New Jersey, and others. An interesting statement of the condition of the South was made by Congressman Rainey, of South Carolina. After the appointment of various Committees, the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the President. The ninth resolution endorses the acts of President Grant, and urges his renomination.

RICHMOND, Va., April 18.—This afternoon the Republican State Convention elected a full delegation to the Philadelphia Convention, about half the delegates are colored. A resolution declaring for universal amnesty was introduced, but objection being made, went over.

WEST VIRGINIA TO BE REPRESENTED AT CINCINNATI.

PARKERSBURG, West Va., April 18.—At a conference of leading Liberal Republicans and Liberal Democrats, held in this city to-day it was resolved that the Liberal Republicans of West Virginia who may attend as delegates to the Liberal Republican Convention at Cincinnati on the 1st of May, 1872, be requested to use all honorable means to secure the nomination by that body of Chief Justice Chase for the Presidency. A similar resolution was adopted requesting Liberal Democrats who may be in attendance as delegates to the Cincinnati Reform Convention, which meets at the same time and place, to use their influence for the nomination of the Chief Justice. A platform was adopted, which briefly covers the following provisions: The perpetuity and sovereignty of the American Union; the reserved rights of the States; self-government; the preservation and coordination of the three departments of the Government—Executive, Legislative and Judicial—in good faith of the three late amendments to the Constitution; the adjustment of our back taxes on a specie standard, with such discrimination only as the general interests may require; amnesty for all past political offenses; the preservation of the rights of labor; a speedy return of the currency to a specie standard; the accession of neighboring States, when fit, on the down with fellowship with international obligations, and without force or fraud; the protection of American citizens, whether native or naturalized, from the despotism of foreign Governments, and the inviolability of the national flag.

KANSAS.

Opening of the Kansas and Missouri Bridge at Leavenworth—Description of the Structure.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., April 18.—The completion of the Leavenworth and Kansas Bridge was celebrated here to-day with great enthusiasm. One thousand persons were in attendance, of whom 3,000 were Missourians. The steady rain of Wednesday was a gloomy indication, but the streets were dry this morning, and the sun never beamed more gracionsly. The business houses were closed, nearly every one being decorated with flags and mottoes on Chinese paper. The beautiful grounds of Fort Leavenworth were filled from an early hour until noon with carriages and pedestrians, and the trains and stages gave free transportation to all who desired to reach the bridge. The negroes, of whom Leavenworth has a very large ratio, made a grand display, and were in excellent condition.

The procession formed on Shawnee street, under General Robinson. It consisted all the white militia of the city, escorted by the Grand Army of the Republic, a battalion of picked infantry with a band from the Fort, a creditable representation of the Masonic and Odd Fellow fraternities of the city, and was followed by the Missouri delegation. The procession moved out Shawnee street to the bridge, and when the structure was reached a practical dedication from the Missouri and South shores was made. Immediately upon the procession reaching the bridge, a train of cars was seen approaching rapidly along the trestle approaches, and stood in relief before the multitude, who recognized the train as the Missouri and Kansas road. It came

FOREIGN.

Further Hints of Serious Trouble Between France and Germany.

Bismarck's Ultimatum Threatens the Reoccupation of France by German Troops.

Synopsis of the British Counter-Case Presented at Geneva.

How Canada Was Won Over to the Support of the Treaty of Washington.

Fishery Privileges and Fenian Claims Relinquished for $13,500,000.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 18.—London papers received to-day plainly foreshadow a renewal of trouble between Germany and France. A Berlin letter of March 29, to the *London Times* states that Thiers' recent speeches, foliciting the nation on the rapid reorganization of the French army, boasting of the superiority of French arms and cannon, and saying if Protestant ism rallies round Prussia, France is the natural protector of Catholicism, have attracted wrathful attention in Germany. Thiers' remarks in an interview with a contributor to *La Patrie*, and his speech at the adjournment of the Assembly are considered still more sinister. Bismarck is exasperated by Thiers' assertion to a correspondent that Prussia intends to make war on Russia with the remaining three milliards of the war indemnity, indicating the designs of thiers to embroil Russia and Prussia. Military operations or reorganization of any kind, it is said, give France almost immediately an army numbering over one million and a half, a strength the German army will not attain before 1875. Thiers' plan reorganizes the artillery with 2,700 guns, while Prussia has but 1,900. The Berlin letter affirms to says Bismarck seeks to avoid war as long as possible, but his policy will anticipate his adversaries. He will endeavor to end once for all the futility of her schemes, or else impede their realization.

The *London Times* of April 4, says editorially: "From the letter we publish this morning, and from that of our Paris correspondent yesterday, it will be easily seen with what favorable eagerness these views are received, which are yet hardly recovering from their astonishment, are sent on a mission of intimidation by preparing for war." Germany hastily concludes hurried a match for her lately vanquished enemy. Scarcely a fortnight has passed since 400,000 men and 1,000 cannon into the field, while the available strength of the French states-calculate, be raised to 1,500,000 men, and 3,500 pieces of artillery. On the other hand, the order issued this week by Prussia, that not only have a draft her able-bodied youth into the ranks, but will not even be able to spare the time-expired men, and keep the latter in the service, cannot be made only in favor of idlers and cripples. We thought we had heard enough before 1870 of the supposed military character of the Imperial family, and of the high intelligence, and of all other excellent qualities of French men of letters, but M. Thiers does well to lay the emphasis on the old invidious theme. What should an army, which ought to have conquered yesterday, and which is sure to conquer to-morrow, be left to smart under the sense of unmerited defeat? In that question lies all the danger. We hope that we well proclaim here the truth, that he is only arming for peace. The world knows that. The proof of an armament is in war.

LONDON, April 12.—The *Daily Telegraph*, in an editorial article, this morning, asserts, in decided terms, that there is no truth in the reports relating to the precarious condition of the relations of France and Germany, are founded upon no tangible facts. The *Telegraph* says: "We think it our duty to declare the certain and solemn fact that upon President Thiers' decision this week, depends the fate of France. We speak nothing rhetorically. We measure anxiously the most grave and momentous words. On Monday, Count Von Arnim, the new German Ambassador to France, carried the ultimatum to Thiers. The purport of this ultimatum is, that Germany sees in the French Army bill and the speeches of Thiers, measures of vengeance, and the programme of an eventual repudiation of the treaty of Frankfort. It has come to many. Bismarck, therefore, demands that the armament of France be reduced, and that war estimates diminished, or the alternative will be the reoccupation by German troops of the evacuated French territory, and a war of necessity."

Bismarck has given the ultimatum that the French army be to thirth reduced to 225,000. He hints that the non-payment of the will be necessary for Germany to establish a force of 500,000 men, which Germany can trust.

PARIS, April 17.—Pere Junqua has been condemned at Bordeaux for six months' imprisonment. He has appealed from the sentence.

General D'Aurelle, Governor of Paris, reports to Thiers that the general condition of the city is most satisfactory.

The Committee of Contributions, in their report on the surrender of Sedan, severely censure Napoleon for not consulting with his Generals before the surrender of Sedan.

MOVILLE, April 16.—Arrived—The steamship Troy, from New York.

PARIS, April 18.—The *Constitutionnel* positively contradicts the statements made by the London *Daily Telegraph* that serious differences had arisen between France and Germany.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

LONDON, April 16.—The following is a synopsis of the counter case presented at Geneva by the agent of the British Government:

Part 1 begins by announcing that to the American imputations of hostile motives and insincere neutrality, no reply whatever will be offered. England distinctly refuses to enter into the discussion of those insinuations, because it would be tacit assent to her self-respect, irrelevant to the matter in issue, and tend to influence the controversy. England's governing desire is to fulfil, even exceed, the most rigid requirements of international law. No reference be made to the claim for indirect damages, as correspondence with regard to them is pending between England and the United States, and it is reminded that it conclusions must be formed on proofs, not allegations, and the evidence must be sifted. The statements of American Consuls are credible, when made with regard to facts within their personal knowledge, but they are unreliable when dealing with rumors. The Consuls of the American Government, zealous to intervene, shared the irritability generated by the war, and erroneous views throughout the statements colored their reports. England rejects as evidence the papers published on the Richmond, their authors being unknown.

Part 2 deals with that American argument. It disputes the proposition that a neutral power is bound, at request of a belligerent to enforce its municipal laws, and add to them if they are insufficient. It admits a state of preparation of danger for an appreciable injury resulting from a clear violation of international duty, but is unable to trace any such danger to the issue of the Foreign Enlistment act. The British Government repudiates the propositions of the American case, and demurs to the exceptionally rigorous application made of those propositions by England. It urges that, at the time of the Confederate war, the mere sale and delivery of a vessel adapted for war to a belligerent was not a violation of neutrality, nevertheless, it accepts the rules of the Treaty of Washington only with the overstrained construction placed upon them by the Government of the United States, but according to their obvious purport. It regrets that the United States should see fit to strain the interpretation of these rules to their uttermost intend of accepting them in a fair and reasonable sense. It argues that England was bound to receive the Alabama as she would a vessel of war of any sovereign State, and sometimes by quoting from Ortolan, the eminent French authority on international law, to show that the principles for which the United States contend were never heretofore practically acknowledged between States or America.

Part 3 treats of precedents addressed in the American case in reply thereto, with others, such as the filibustering attacks of Lopez on Cuba, and Walker on Mexico and Central America, and the foreign levies on Canada. A son of the deceased testified as to the condition of his father during the last illness. He said his father had never suffered from such spasms before as he was then affected with. He also said there was some trouble between his father and mother. They did not occupy the same room.

Dr. Pitney testified that he attended the deceased at the time of her death, and found him suffering from all the symptoms of arsenic poisoning.

The case, which excites great interest, will be continued to-day.

The murder of Mr. Sherman testified. Her testimony was damaging to the defence. She noticed that after deceased had drank a cup of tea which the prisoner had prepared and given him, he was seized with a fit of vomiting. She hastily ran and then fainted.

NEW HAVEN, April 16, 12 m.—At the trial of Mrs. Jeffreys, C. H. Peck, of Birmingham, produced a sensation by testifying that Mrs. Sherman bought arsenic at his store two or three weeks before her husband was murdered. It is said she will rest with. Professor Barker described the manner of analyzing a portion of Sherman's stomach. He subjected a portion of the contents to a large number of tests, and from them all obtained unmistakable evidence of arsenic. Other specific portions of it would have been if there were five grains in the liver.

Buffalo Live Stock Market.

BUFFALO, April 18.—Cattle receipts, 1,462; nothing the week's supply, this far, 4,567, or 46 cars received 276 last week. Market opened at prices last week, and quiet to-day at steady. Sales 1 car 1,200 lbs, $6 12½@6 25; 18 Michigan cows, 1,000 lbs, at $5 05; 23 Ohio steers, 1,200 lbs, at $6 25; 20 State cows, 1,000 lbs, at $4 90; 17 Pennsylvania steers, 1,100 lbs, at $6 37½; 14 Missouri cows, 1,000 lbs, at $5 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000; making supply to date for 5 days, equalled 9,432 for last week. Market for choice sheep steady, others dull and lower. Sales 400 wooled Ohio sheep, 91 lbs, at $5 25@5 45; 211 lbs, at $5 60.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; supply for week 6,000. No business.

Ohio.

COLUMBUS, April 18.—In the House to-day the House bill to provide for the appointment of Trustees of minors, insane or imbecile persons residing outside of Ohio, but having property in Ohio, was passed. The House bill making the obtaining of goods under false pretenses, and for obtaining signatures to negotiable paper in a similar way, a Penitentiary offence.

New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 18.—The bill providing for a new City Charter for New York, was reported from the Conference Committee, and passed the Legislature to-day. It is similar to that of the Committee of Seventy, and removes Commissioner Van Nort and Comptroller Green.

Massachusetts.

BOSTON, April 18.—The ten hour law has been defeated in the Massachusetts Senate.

Trial of Mrs. Sherman, the Murderess, at New Haven, Conn.

NEW HAVEN, April 16.—The trial of Mrs. Sherman, for poisoning her husband, was continued yesterday afternoon. The Court ruled out the previous testimony of the prisoner. A son of the deceased testified as to the condition of his father during the last illness. He said his father had never suffered from such spasms before as he was then affected with. He also said there was some trouble between his father and mother. They did not occupy the same room.

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WASHINGTON.

The Indirect Claims Question Considered in the House Foreign Committee.

The Civil Service Reform Bill Further Discussed in the House.

Senate Proposition to Repeal the Eight Hour Law.

Catacazy Disgraced by His Government and Granted Leave to Withdraw.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THE INDIRECT CLAIMS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The Foreign Affairs Committee to-day considered Mr. Potter's resolution requesting the President to withdraw the claims for indirect damages, and decided to instruct the Chairman to address to Secretary Fish, asking his views, and whether the Administration desired any action on the part of the House. This Committee also agreed to report in favor of appointing a Secretary of Legation at Japan, and two American students to learn the language of that country, to serve as interpreters.

THE BUELL COURT-MARTIAL.

Members of the House Military Committee are much surprised at the letter of the Secretary of War, informing the House that the record of the Buell Court of Inquiry, which it had called for, had disappeared, when the resolution calling for it was introduced a few weeks since, and referred to the Military Committee. A letter was addressed to the Secretary, asking whether there were any difficulties in the way of furnishing the record. The Secretary replied that the record was so voluminous that with the force of clerks at his command it could not be copied in several months, and at the close of the letter suggested that if the House desired it to have the record, the Secretary should be authorized to employ additional clerks. The Committee, on consideration, thought best to call for the record, and the House, on the report of the resolution from the Committee, passed it. Now the Secretary writes that on a careful examination of the files, he fails to discover what became of all material parts of the record, except some he sends.

CIVIL SERVICE.

The civil service debate in the House to-day, so far as Republican participants were concerned, was of a somewhat sensational political character. Ben Butler lost his temper, and boldly avowed that no one was in favor of a reform of this character unless he was also a sympathizer with the Cincinnati Convention. While in this condition, and provoked thereto by Garfield, Butler was about declaring that the President had no sympathy with the proposed reform, when Mr. Hoar raised a point of order that no member of Congress had the right to use a Presidential communication as debate, pending a decision on which Butler had time to recover himself, and to pass to other features of the question. When the House adjourned the previous question was ordered, with the understanding that one hour's debate will be allowed to-morrow. The upshot of the affair will undoubtedly be a recommittal of the bill, which will be the first motion made when the House gets to vote. This course will end discussion in this quarter, for the present session.

NAVY APPROPRIATION BILL.

The two most important Senate amendments to the Navy Appropriation bill are one striking out those provisions of the section relating to the employment of the laborers in the navy yards, without declaration from a political Committee, and without regard to their political sentiments; and the other providing that the number of hours constituting a day's work shall be the same as shall be usual and customary in private employment in the vicinity of such navy yard.

THE DISTRICT CODE.

The Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, in revising the new code prepared by the Commission to codify the laws of the District, have ordered the word male in connection with admission to the bar to be stricken out, thus opening the way to women to practice in the courts here.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE SENATE ARMS SALE INVESTIGATION.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Senate Arms Committee, James H. Saville, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, testified as to the practice of the Department. Disbursing officers have long been allowed, for convenience, to expend for one purpose the money appropriated for another. It was a dangerous power, though usually accounts are adjusted under the proper head of expenditures. The gross expenditures of the War Department the last fiscal year were $35,000,000, while the eight millions received from sale of arms were not drawn, but remain to the credit of the Ordnance Department. Adjourned.

CATACAZY DISGRACED.

Authentic information has been received at Washington from St. Petersburg to the effect that Catacazy's justification of himself had been considered sufficiently in the Council of the Empire, and in a speech discussed, and the Imperial Cabinet at St. Petersburg forthwith decided to dismiss Catacazy from his post at Washington. This decision was communicated to Catacazy, and he was directed to proceed to Paris, with a pension of 3,000 rubles per annum. This pension is so settled that if it be withdrawn at Catacazy's decease any publication, or gives new cause of offence.

THE INDIRECT CLAIMS.

Fernando Wood, this morning, in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, called up Representative Peters' resolution, which declares that the claims on the part of our Government for indirect damages should be waived before the tribunal of arbitrators, etc., at Geneva, and on Mr. Wood's motion the resolution was recommitted. Mr. Hamlin was to communicate with Secretary Fish on the subject, and to report to the Committee at the meeting on Tuesday next. Mr. Hamlin's decision, in which remarks, which drew out the opinion that the presentation of the claim for indirect damages would result in enabling others to make similar claims. Mr. Hamlin was also to confer with Secretary Fish on the subject, and to report to the Committee at the meeting on Tuesday next. Mr. Hamlin's decision, in which remarks, which drew out the opinion that the presentation of the claim for indirect damages would result in enabling others to make similar claims. Mr. Hamlin was also to confer with Secretary Fish on the subject, and to report to the Committee at the meeting on Tuesday next.

THE NAVAL INVESTIGATION.

D. F. Isherwood, Chief Engineer, testified that all Navy Yards did not come up to the standard of 1860, and that while of the work done outside none of the guarantees were performed, but the contractors got the money for the work done by Paul & Forbes for the Idaho, and the Superintendent refused him from his contract, and the vessel finished by him, was put in service and payment was refused. As to the machinery of the Saco, also a failure, built by Corliss, Stillman & Co., the amount of money Corliss was required to refund from the amount actually due, so the Government was no loser.

The officers of the Tennessee were so faulty that no practical modification could render them useful, and would never have been accepted could he have prevented it, and if the result which John Roach proposed were guaranteed, the Government would have had a successful vessel and have made a good exchange. Witness wrote nothing for the press, and gave no information to persons connected with it. The value of the machinery that would be retained in the Tennessee was $175,000.

Adjourned.

SCHURZ AS MINISTER TO SPAIN.

A report having been circulated that Senator Schurz was in default to the Government on account of his mission to Spain, he called upon the Fifth Auditor to-day and ascertained that his accounts were square. He has drawn $5,000 for the last six months of his salary, but not been received for, and the small item of contingent expenses not been certified by him in the usual form, and that, instead of Senator Schurz being in debt to the Government, it is due to him from the Government.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 18.

SUMNER'S CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

Mr. SUMNER gave notice that, when the Amnesty bill comes before he would if necessary amendment, another bill of far greater importance, namely, the supplementary Civil Rights bill, [laughter], and he asked for the support of Senator from South Carolina. Mr. Sumner promised his support.

LAND BILL.

Friday of next week was assigned for consideration of land bills from Public Lands Committee, with the understanding that the Homestead bill, Mr. Fenton's Customs bill will have precedence.

Mr. Sumner's resolution to the effect that Mr. Justice Swayne's decision in the case of Mr. Justice Swayne's decision in the case of Mr. Justice Swayne's decision in the case of

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THURSDAY EVENING, April 18.

There is every evidence that the local money market is becoming more stringent. Several of the banks say their deposits have not been lower since the first time they were at present, while at the same time the applications from outside parties for loans are increasing. A large amount of idle capital which has lain in bank for several months past, is now being applied to building, and while a good deal of it is put into circulation here, and comes back into the savings banks and local financial institutions, a good deal is also being paid for iron, glass and other building materials brought from abroad. For the present all this is to be an actual decrease in the amount of available local capital, and has a tendency to make money tight. A large amount of bank capital is also locked up in grain, and until this begins to move out freely, it cannot be expected there will be any favorable change in the money market. The banks have already drawn their heavy balances down lower than usual, to New York balances for New York exchange, and, supply the demand for New York exchange, and, while products have been held here, it has been necessary to ship currency in this market to meet that which has been sent for some time.

It is evident that it has been for several months past the flow of currency from the West generally to the Eastern cities. The New York money markets has begun to reflect New York money markets, and will make newer rates of interest.

Exchange was sold at 60c per $1,000 premium for sales between banks to-day.

THE TENTH NATIONAL BANK INVESTIGATION.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Journal of Commerce*, writing under date of April 16, says: From the East and from the West and Southwest, from bankers in New York and elsewhere, and from the existing currency now held by the Tenth National Bank, comes the stirring and emphatic appeal to take away the existing International Bank of Kings and Queens county, quite a number of the requests being from politicians who associate the bank and the late Ring as an agency of the Democracy, and the one general foot should crush the other. Another objection comes from the personal enemies of Hon. Wm. M. Tweed, in that the current demand is to take away the charter of the bank.

It is supposed that a majority of the Banking and Currency Committee, and in fact a majority of the House, comprised of Administration Republicans, are absolutely decided to seize the charter. The fact being that a large number of people want the charter annulled, and that the Committee of Banking and Currency is nothing to do it, the question remaining is: How can it be done? If the bank association violated the law, the Committee can report a bill to that case, so that proceedings be warranted. It is claimed that two wills by Smith drew $4,100,000 from the bank, he and his estate having been night and day to take his money and do as he pleased with it. If the private citizen, owner of a hundred millions in gross property, is not allowed to do as he pleases, no law could compel him to take the bill out and put them in circulation. But when that citizen by his own action makes a bank cease the bank to be an instrument of withholding United States currency from circulation, he is liable. This question to be determined in this connection is: Did Mr. Smith as a bank officer make the bank an instrument of withholding currency from use for a consideration? The bank trusts called in its option loans to the amount of $600,000. This is the great point to be considered. Upon that point Mr. Walter, President of the Bank, did not satisfy the Committee, and the newspapers say they would not satisfy the questions they ought to have asked him, but which did not occur to them at the time.

It does not appear that there is any evidence that there will be much disturbance in the bank's affairs, unless by some testimony yet to be taken. It appears that Mr. Walter's statement of the material withdrawal of the call loans of the bank, was a deliberate attempt to cause a tight money market. In that case there will be a flutter and death of a National Bank; but up to this time there is no ground beyond suspicion, upon which a charge of violation of law by the Tenth National Bank can be based by its worst enemies.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Messrs. Lunt, Preston & Kean, bankers, furnish quotations for Government bonds and local securities, as follows:

	Buying.	*Selling.*
United States 6s of '81	114½	115
5-20s of '62	113	113½
5-20s of '64	113	113½
5-20s of '65, old	113½	114
5-20s of '65, Jan. and July	113½	113½
5-20s of '67, Jan. and July	113½	113½
5-20s of '68, Jan. and July	114	114½
United States new 5 per cents	110½	110½
United States currency 6s	115½	115½
Northern Pacific gold 7-30s		100 and int.
Chicago City 7s		100 and int.
Cook County 7s		100 and int.
Gold coupons	111½	111½
Silver	110	111

NEW YORK, April 18.—Gold firm at 111@111¼. Loans 1-64 to flat for use; then flat to 5 per cent for carrying. Clearings, $46,000,000. The Treasury sold one million at 110.36@110.91 for legal tenders.

Governments strong and a fraction higher.

Stocks strong. Pacific Mail and Western Union being the features and touching extreme points, 56½ and 55. The market was heavy during the early afternoon, but closed strong.

Money plentiful and easy at 7 per cent and loaned at as low as 2; closed easy at 3@4. Appearances seem to indicate ease in the future, and that the foreign bid for gold will be met by large imports, gaining currency, and this week's statement is expected to show a marked improvement.

Sterling, 109¾.

Governments steady:			
Coupons, '81	114	Coupons, '67	113½
Coupons, '64	113½	Coupons, '68	114
Coupons, '65	113½	U. S. 10-40s	109½
Coupons, '65, reissued	113½	New 5s	110½
Coupons, '67	113½	Currency 6s	115½
State bonds:			
Missouris	96½	Old Virginias	54
Old Tennessees	67½	Old N. Carolinas	36
New Tennessees	67½	New N. Carolinas	30
Stocks dull and steady.			
Cantons	94	St. Paul preferred	82½
U. Telegraph	76	Wabash	78½
Quicksilver	41½	Wabash preferred	89
Adams Express	97½	Fort Wayne	97
Wells & Fargo Ex	52	Terre Haute	24
American Express	65½	Terre Haute pfd	51
United States Ex	74	Chicago & Rock Island	107½
Pacific Mail	56	Chicago & Northwest	81½
New York Central	96½	Chicago & Northwest pfd	93½
N. Y. Central scrip	93½	Ohio & Mississippi	46½
Erie	23½	C., C., C. & I.	93
Erie preferred	39½	C., R. & Q	96
Harlem	117	Lake Shore	96½
Harlem preferred	130	Indiana Central	93
Hudson River	123½	Illinois Central	118½
Pittsburgh	93	Union Pacific	88½
Northwestern	81½	Cent. Pacific bonds	101
Northwestern pref'd	91½	Mariposa	10½
Rock Island	113½	D., L. & Western	109
New Jersey Cent	111		

COMMERCIAL.

THURSDAY EVENING, April 18.

The following were the receipts and shipments of flour, grain, and produce for the past twenty-four hours:

	Received.		*Shipped.*	
	1871.	1872.	1871.	1872.
Flour, brls	6,207	5,388	4,146	4,388
Wheat, bu	2,250	20,243	12,045	112,254
Corn, bu	75,888	89,356	41,584	50,767
Oats, bu	22,962	26,139	19,198	83,376
Rye, bu	327	1,464	6,000	522
Barley, bu	1,816	6,347	7,361	5,710
Grass seed, lbs	77,690	41,550	58,014	15,863
Flax seed, lbs		31,156	35,000	
Broom corn, lbs		38,360	7,000	
Cured meats, lbs	301,365	186,821	629,947	128,800
Cattle, No		1,000	1,000	1,000
Pork, brls	30	94	258	353
Lard, lbs	19,240	64,260	291,642	19,500
Tallow, lbs	2,000	2,000		
Butter, lbs	18,748	34,650	600	9,500
Dressed hogs, No	18	19	4	
Live hogs, No	13,252	2,713	6,144	1,879
Cattle, No	3,378	3,445	2,738	1,478
Sheep, No	1,349	600	949	
Hogs, No	20,230	20,000	20,000	24,000
Highwines, brls	417	381	413	378
Wool, lbs	9,600	7,392	7,668	127,663
Potatoes, bu	2,492	2,884	1,184	617
Shingles, m	4,022	1,359	3,734	1,476
Salt, brls	67	8	81	215
	2,461	1,297	1,111	1,111

Withdrawn yesterday for city consumption: 200 bu wheat; 1,200 bu corn; 3,618 bu oats; 787 bu rye; 62 bu barley.

The following grain has been inspected into store up to 10 o'clock this morning: 2 cars wheat; 115 cars corn; 37 cars oats; also 5,000 bu No. 2 corn by canal. Total (155 cars), 75,000 bu.

There was a good attendance on 'Change today, but a rather quiet set of markets; the only one that exhibited any activity was wheat, which was also the principal exception to a general easier feeling in prices. There was, however, no marked decline, except in pork. The receipts continue light, except in corn, and the demand for shipment is good for most descriptions of grain.

Highwines were rather more active and steady at the advance effected yesterday. Sales were reported of 200 brls at 90c per gallon, and the market closed firm at that quotation.

Lake freights were inactive, and nominally unchanged. Carriers are asking 3c for corn by sail to Buffalo, and 12@15c will be supposed to be bid, but there were really no shippers in the market to-day. Rail rates on corn to Oswego are quoted at 16c, and to Quebec at 20c.

Provisions were less active, except in meats; with little change except in pork, which was lower. The market for mess pork opened with a show of strength, but quickly fell off under a pressure from anxious sellers, declining 50c per brl, though not below the inside figure of yesterday. Lard was dull, and a shade easier on the more deferred options, though some preferred to bear a corner in June. Meats were in better demand, and boxed descriptions were slightly firmer, as stocks are understood to have been very much neglected by the enormous packing demand of the past winter. Indeed, there seems now no reason to doubt that lard and meats are in unusually small stock, as has been estimated by the general mass of operators. The market closed at the following range of quotations: Mess pork, cash or seller April, $14.60 or buyer May, $14.87½@15 00; do seller June, $15.10; do seller July, $15.30; do seller August, $15.40@15.45; short meats, 7½@7¾c; do seller April, 8c; do seller May, 8c; do seller June, 8c; do seller July, 8c; dry salted meats at 3½@4c for long clear; 3½@3¾c for round lots; sweet pickled hams, 9@9½c; do short cut, 8½@9c; do shoulders, 6½@6¾c; do sweet pickled, 7½@8c; canvassed hams, 11@11½c; plain, 10½@10¾c; lard, 7½@7¾c; refined, 8c.

Whisky was steady and very high; only 1,000 arrived to-day, and sold at 90½@91c for wood; a car of 90 lb Ohio, clipped, reaching 92c; a car 118 lb, wood, 91c. Only very small supply permitted of these rates. Jersey lambs sold at $6.00@6.00 each.

Hogs—5,40c, and 1c lower than yesterday, or 5½@6c; those of 100 to 180 lbs going at 5½@5¾c.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Foreign Markets.

LIVERPOOL, April 18—11:15 a. m.—Flour, 26s 3d. Wheat, white, 11s 4d@11s 5d; red Western, 11s 1d@11s 2d. Corn, 27s 6d. Pork, 49s. Lard, 41s.

LIVERPOOL, April 18—1:30 p. m.—Market unchanged.

LONDON, April 18—1:30 p. m.—Consols—Money, 92¼; account, 92¼@92½. Illinois Central, 91½@92. 10-40s, 89½. Bullion in Bank of England increased $136,000 this week.

PARIS, April 18.—Bourse quiet. Rentes 70f 20c.

LIVERPOOL, April 18.—Evening.—Cotton quiet and easier; middling upland, 11½@11¾d; Orleans, 11¾@11¾d; sales, 12,000 bales, including 2,000 for export, 2,000 bales.

Breadstuffs firm. White wheat, 11s 8d@11s 10d; red spring, 10s 10d@11s 1d; red winter, 11s 1d. Flour, 26s@27s. Corn, 27s 9d.

Cumberland middles, 29s; short ribs, 33s 6d.

New York Live Stock Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Beeves foot up 9,500 today, of which 97 cars were at Communipaw. This is 7,000 thus far this week. The market ruled nearly half a cent better yesterday, but weakened some to-day. Extra, 7½@8c; fair to good, 6½@7½c; poor to common, 5½@6½c; Texans, 4½@5c for fair to good Illinois, and 3¾c for fat cattle; 8 cars fat Ohio sold fed Texans, 4½ cwt, sold at 5½c; 4 good 6½ cwt Texans, 5½c; 37 lbs 9 cwt; 7 cars Illinois, 7½ cwt, 12@13c; some Ohio, 14 cwt, grass, at 10½c.

Sheep very scarce and very high; only 1,000 arrived to-day, and sold at 9@11½c for wool; a car of 96 lb Ohio, clipped, reaching 8c; a car 118 lb, wool, 11c. Only very few supply permitted of these rates. Jersey lambs sold at $6.00@6.00 each.

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Romantic History of the Woman in the French Arms Job.

Washington (April 17) Correspondence of the New York World.

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Peck and Wizard tell how they were beguiled into the fancy that Mrs. Mason could achieve for them what otherwise they had failed to effect, and, in this connection, conveniently forgot to mention that they had invoked the supposed all-potent influence with the Government of no less a personage than the present American Minister to England. We find, moreover, that these witnesses forgot another important matter in their relations with this lady, whom they have brought into such mortifying publicity by revealing her name as connected with them in their effort to purchase arms without one cent of capital—they forgot to tell that they failed to pay her hotel bill on that visit to the Hoffman House, or were unable to do it, much less pay up a bonus of $25,000.

But turning from Peck and Wizard to the lady whose name they have made so public, it may not be interesting to general reader to know that she was born in Virginia some thirty years ago, and grew to womanhood there and in Baltimore, in which last city she became married to a scion of the distinguished Californian, who wounded Broderick in a duel, and who, dying before their marriage, left her a handsome income, of which she and her family have since been removing to Washington, she resided here several years before the war, and until she was allowed, upon a pass specially granted, to visit Richmond in the fall of 1861, to cross the "lines" into Virginia upon important family affairs. Crossing the Potomac in a small, frail boat, her journey to Richmond was full of hardship and domestic incidents, for she was suspected by the Rebel authorities, who for some time regarded her as a spy. Her stay in the South was short, however, for she was taken under a "flag of truce" to Norfolk, or Fortress Monroe, and turned over, according to the newspapers of the day, as an "alien enemy" expelled from the Confederacy. It is alleged, however, that this was a mere cloak to conceal an important mission with which she had been entrusted at Richmond, and for which her peculiar talents, studies, and inclinations appeared to fit her. One thing is certain at least. She did not enter Virginia on any other errand than sometimes tied her hands behind her, and used a gad on her. One witness testified to seeing her bareheaded, bareshouldered, and barestocked, driving a team of horses for her father's farm in a field. The father walked behind her sowing seed and swinging a stout black whip, with which he at times would lash the girl over the shoulders and legs, always using the butt end of the whip on her shoulders. It was also stated that he tied her hands behind her and threw her into a creek. The verdict of the Coroner's jury stated that it was died of exposure, but did not in any way refer to her father.

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Miscellaneous Items.

A letter received here yesterday from Fort Colborne, under date of April 16, says: "Soundings made by the Lake Survey in the Welland River, during the progress of the work, show that there will be one foot more water in the canal than the present depth. The contraction of the piers, which has been ordered by the Canadian Government, will make the water rise about one foot higher. During the coming season there will be a depth of fourteen feet. It is thought the water is very low, ranging from 6 to 10 feet in depth. The ice in Lake Erie there are vast quantities of it, but the channel through it is open this morning, with wind from the northwest. It has again closed up, with wind down the Lake, and the Lake Shore engine which he was up on Sugar Loaf Hill, on Sunday, and could not see any water from that point, with the aid of a spy-glass, and furthermore says it is difficult to say when Lake Erie will be open.

ATTORNMENTS.—During the coming summer the Sarnia Line of steamers will be commanded by the following officers:

B. F. Wade, Captain A. Gillies.
Montezuma, Captain R. Nicholson.
City of Fremont, Captain Shearwither.
H. D. Caldwell, Captain J. M. Lewis.
City of Detroit, Captain Johnson.

The officers of the Lake Superior Line of propellers are:

Cuyuna, Captain C. M. Davis.
City of Madison, Captain A. M. Smith.

The above steamers, during the past winter, have undergone thorough repairs, and come out this spring as good almost as when they were first launched.

FOR THE FAR EAST SHORE.—A large number of vessels yesterday bent their sails, and in a few days will leave for points on the East Shore.

Chicago Harbor.—During the wind blew quite fresh from the north northeast.

RELEASED.—The schooner James Couch, which, for several days, has been in charge of the river in the North Branch, was yesterday towed to Adams street bridge.

We understand, on authority that on Sunday last, teams were crossing on the ice from Glen Arbor to the South Manitou Islands.

The Chicago Towing and Ass'ce, which, for the past two seasons, has been engaged by the Chicago Towing Association, will this year be connected with the Vessel-Owners' Towing Company.

DATES OF OPENING.—The following table shows the date, for the past ten years, when the ice moved out of the river at Chicago City:

1862	March 30	1868	March 16
1864	March 29	1869	March 28
1865	March 31	1870	March 22
1866	April 12	1871	March 13
1867	April 11	1872	April 10

FIFTEEN OUT.—The brig Frontier City, which got into difficulty and was abandoned by her owners at the mouth of the River Thames last fall, lies at the outlet of that stream and is again being fitted out, and is comparatively uninjured.

THE JOSEPH PAGE.—The name of the new schooner launched at Milwaukee on Saturday is the Joseph Page.

A CHARTER CONFIRMED.—It is much to be regretted that navigation should be so obstructed by the bar at the mouth of the River Thames. There was a time when the traffic to Chatham gave a good support to one or more elegant river steamers, but latterly, through press neglect, all this has passed away, and nothing save the patronized steam scows or barges can find access to that long-neglected port. A very commodious steamer came out new last spring, built expressly for the Chatham route, yet it is with the greatest difficulty, notwithstanding her light draft, that she can get out of that river without lightering more or less cargo. We refer to the steamer Dominion, which, on her last trip from Chatham, was obliged to lighter a considerable portion of her freight before reaching Lake St. Clair, owing to the low water on the bar, which is now reduced to six feet seven inches.

LAUNCH.—Tuesday afternoon at Chatham, Ont., one of the new barges which have been building there, was launched. She is intended for the transportation of large number of spectators. Her name we have not learned.

OFF LAKE HURON.—A despatch from Port Austin announces clear weather and narrow belt of ice along the shore. The propeller Benton, which was aground on Saturday night, discharged her cargo at Rock Falls, about 50 miles up the shore, and returned to Port Huron. She experienced no difficulty in getting off the reefs.

ANOTHER LAUNCH.—The Thomas W. Ferry is the name of the three-masted schooner which was launched at Detroit on Tuesday afternoon. She is a vessel of 500 tons burden, finely built and rigged. Her extreme length is 230 feet; length of keel, 180 feet; depth of hold, 13 feet; beam, 32 feet; cost, $40,000, and is the property of Captain P. J. Ralph and son, and Mr. A. C. Burt, of Detroit. The Ferry is loading with lumber at Tawas City, and will run between Detroit, intermediate points, and Chicago.

THE CAPTAINS of barges at Milwaukee are about to establish a Marine Board.

A Port Huron despatch reports the release of the schooner Geo. Gokie from her perilous position.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

Vain Attempts of Grant to Conciliate Liberal Republicans.

Washington (April 19) Correspondence of the New York World.

While the organs and the henchmen of the Administration are trying to put in public that the Cincinnati Convention, and at those whose names have been mentioned in connection with it, evidence is not lacking to show that it is a private affair, their efforts are quite up to the "sticking point." It is, perhaps, not known to the masses of the men who are ready to throw up their hats for Grant that within a few days—perhaps days—a desperate effort has been made by the Administration to conciliate Greeley, Fenton, Sumner, Trumbull, and all the disaffected Republican leaders. There are the best grounds for the assertion that this originated, not in any love or desire for association with these men, but simply to keep the ball out of the Cincinnati movement. At first General Grant and his political advisers were disposed to laugh at the idea of a revolt from the party being led by such men as Greeley. They consoled themselves with the idea that, as soon as the nomination was made at Philadelphia, all the dissatisfied would fall into line and support the regular ticket. They are satisfied now that this was a false hope. As a last resort, they have attempted conciliation.

One or three gentlemen who support Grant, and who were known to be personal friends of Mr. Greeley of long standing,—men who have fought with him in favor of the tariff,—were selected to make a demonstration upon him. It was supposed that long friendship and ancient close party ties would have some effect upon the philosopher in bringing him back to the folds. He was accordingly addressed to him. The response was not by any means encouraging. On the contrary, it amounted to a rebuff. Mr. Greeley refused to make any move, and even though the advances came from the other side. He has accordingly been abandoned as a hopeless case. This is the last effort, and the Administration men say nothing now remains but to fight him to the bitter end.

The next demonstration was made upon Fenton. Grant has an idea that the main cause of Conkling's defection was the turning out of office of his friends in New York, and he thought all that was necessary was to reverse that policy and give Fenton a share of the patronage. Conkling was consulted, and it was ascertained that he was willing to sacrifice a little of his imperial sway in New York for the sake of his master in the White House. It was according arranged that Fenton should have a share; that a few of Conkling's men should be quietly dismissed, and Fenton men appointed to succeed them. It is understood, however, that when the matter was broached to Fenton, he gave it no encouragement, and intimated that he had no favors to ask.

Similar approaches have been made to other disaffected Republican Senators, with like results.

After scorning such liberal propositions, with the conclusion that these men are confident of success, and that there is something more in the Cincinnati movement than was seen in the Administration men say that no concession will be made to the Liberal Republicans. The fact that the motive of this conciliation business was to break the back of the Cincinnati Convention by withdrawing from it Republicans who are likely to give it character and importance. The time, however, for conciliation is passed. The Liberal Republicans who have revolted are satisfied that there is no chance for Grant, and they have no desire to treat in and be defeated after having inaugurated a movement which makes his election impossible.

A prominent Pennsylvanian, a Grant Republican, who has just returned from a visit to Lancaster, says the revolution there has reached such proportions that it cannot be checked. This district usually gives from 4,000 to 5,000 Republican majority. Next fall, this gentleman thinks, it will give 3,000 or 4,000 against Hartranft, the Ring candidate. The fact that he shelters himself behind Grant is making the people ask whether he, too, is not a Ring candidate.

Intelligence from other parts of the country, heretofore regarded as Republican strongholds, is of a similar character; and the indications are, that, before the Philadelphia convenes, Grant will be forced to exclaim, like Macbeth, "The thanes fly from me."

The Story of an Unfortunate Child and a Brutal Father.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., April 3.

The body of an unfortunate young girl named Mary Long was exhumed by Coroner Andrews yesterday at the solicitation of her friends. When she died her body was left alone and one eye and the nose were torn away by rats. She was buried next day after her death in a secret manner, no funeral service being performed. The evidence at the inquest showed that for several years past her father, Edward Long treated her in a brutal manner. He acknowledged that he

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...PROPOSALS.

...County Bonds.

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, COOK COUNTY, CHICAGO, April 2, 1872.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned, at the Court House in Chicago, until 12 o'clock p. m., on the 20th day of April, A. D. 1872, for the purchase of the following described bonds of said County, issued in part to the Chicago & Iowa Railroad Company, and in part to the Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad Company, and now held in the Treasury of said County, and amounting in the aggregate to the sum of $100,000, to wit: Bonds numbered from 1 to 100, both inclusive, of the denomination of $1,000 each, and dated the 1st day of January, A. D. 1872, and payable twenty years from the date thereof, with interest at the rate of seven per cent per annum, payable semi-annually at the Mechanics' National Bank, in the City of New York, on the first days of January and July in each year, both principal and interest being payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness.

Bids will be received for all or any part of said bonds, but no bid for a less sum than $1,000 will be considered. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check for at least five per cent of the amount bid for, which will be forfeited to the County of Cook in case the successful bidder shall fail to comply with the terms of his bid within ten days after notice of the acceptance of his bid.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County.

J. S. RUNNELL, County Treas.

...n Bridge Builders,

...OSALS will be received by the ...ard of Trustees of the Town of Hyde Park until 4 o'clock p. m., on the Tenth day of May, A. D. 1872, for the erection of a Bridge over the Calumet River, at a point between the Town of Hyde Park and the road crossed said river (generally known as Bridge).

Plans may be seen at the office of the Board, Room 15, 164 Washington.

...Railroad Time Table.

...Departure of Trains.

...& Alton Railroad.

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...Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

...Chicago & Rock Island Railroad.

...Chicago & Pacific Railroad.

...Chicago & Milwaukee Railroad.

...Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana Railroad.

...Michigan Central Railroad.

...Illinois Central Railroad.

...Cairo & Vincennes Railroad.

...Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway.

...Cincinnati, Wabash & Michigan Railway.

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THE TWO NEW YORK MEETINGS.

Two Republican meetings have been held in New York during the last week, one of which was addressed by Messrs. Trumbull and Schurz, and the other by Dan. Sickles and Senators Wilson and Morton. To the extent that the numbers in attendance indicated the strength of the divisions among Republicans, it would appear that a majority of the Republicans of New York City are not in favor of the re-election of General Grant. But these meetings have demonstrated the fact that at least one-half the members of the Republican party sympathize with Trumbull and Schurz. It follows that, unless General Grant can secure the support of one-half the Democratic party, he will be defeated.

The presiding officer at the Grant meeting at New York stated that he had recently travelled through the Southern States, and he found the late Rebels as rampant as ever; but he did not explain that, unless the Administration can secure the votes of at least one-half these rampant Rebels, there is not a ghost of a chance of re-electing General Grant. Unless he can get the support of such men as Stephens in Georgia, Vance in North Carolina, General Forrest in Tennessee, Admiral Semmes in Alabama, Beauregard in Louisiana, John Letcher in Virginia, and Jeff. Thompson in Arkansas, added to that of Longstreet, he will lose the votes of all those States. The only hope of carrying either of those States is to send Morton and Conkling there to make terms with the Ku-Klux, to rescue the Administration from the dangers with which it is threatened by the Republicans led on by Sumner, and Trumbull, and Greeley, and Adams, and Schurz. In New York, the exigencies of the situation will develop a like combination. Tom Murphy, and Leet, and Stocking will make a new alliance with O'Brien or Vanderbilt, or the reorganized army of Tammany, and, with the Custom House and the Federal officers generally, will march to battle under the lead of Senator Conkling and some Boss Democrat.

We have already had a declaration from Jerry Black, of Pennsylvania, who was Buchanan's Attorney General, that he will support Grant, and we have no doubt that many other men as notorious as Black will do the same. Without a Democratic support equal to one-half the whole vote of that party, Pennsylvania is certainly lost to Grant. In New England, except in New Hampshire and Connecticut, the support of one-half the Democratic vote will be sufficient to overcome the general opposition of Republicans to the continuance of the present dynasty. New England, with all her eccentricities, has a preference for statesmanship in the Presidential chair. Among her whole delegation, Senatorial and Representative, there are not five men who believe that we have it now, or who regard the regency of Morton, Conkling, Harlan, and Nye with any other feeling than disgust. New England has furnished the Government with a long list of statesmen who have honored the National history by their services. For this class of men there is now no room at Washington. Butler comes nearer the Administration standard of statesmanship than any other New England man. It was, therefore, a case of sheer impudence for the New York office-holders to receive the Cincinnati movement for Reform, must be a practical restoration of the Democratic party, when it is now shown that, unless the Administration can procure the votes of half of the Democratic party, the Philadelphia ticket will not receive the Electoral vote of New York.

WHIPPING-IN CONGRESSMEN.

The desperate condition of the office-holders' prospects has never been more clearly manifested than in the whipping-in process, which was put in operation in Congress on Wednesday, to secure a Congressional indorsement of General Grant and the party, as capital to be worked up at the New York meeting. The process has been applied before, but usually in a quiet kind of way, depending upon the amount of political pressure. The extent of the pressure at this time may be inferred from the fact that the whipping-in was done openly and publicly, and without shame. "Your money or your life," says the highwayman to his victim. "Your indorsement or your Post Office," says the Postmaster General to the Senators and Representatives. The tenure-of-office is the test which has been applied by the Administration ever since it came into power to carry out its policy. It is the process by which the New York Custom House has sought to control New York politics, and corrupt officials have been kept in power. It is the process by which the South has been flooded with carpet-baggers, who have swamped its credit and enriched themselves. It is the process by which nepotism has been fastened upon the revenues. It is the process by which it is threatened to make an apportionment in Pennsylvania to suit a certain political complexion. It is the process by which Congressmen were dragooned into the support of the San Domingo scheme. It is the process by which Civil Service Reform has been obstructed. And now, when the circles of the Liberal Reform movement, which commenced with the throwing of the stone in Missouri, grew wider and wider with each succeeding day, embracing within their ever-increasing circumferences the bone and sinew of the Republican party, the men who are not in office, the men who pay taxes, not those who collect them, and the men who accumulate the revenues, not those who live upon them, the process is put into operation again with the most unblushing impudence; the Postmaster General himself appearing upon the floor of the House with a paper urging the renomination of General Grant, and requesting members to sign it, for use at the New York meeting; the insinuation, of course, being understood, that a refusal involves the loss of the Post Office patronage. Is not this an edifying spectacle on the floors of the National Congress? And has it come to this, that the highest officers of the Government seek to perpetuate their power by such impolitic acts, not to speak of their dictatorial character?

It is cheering to note that even Administration members chafed at this act of Executive dictation, and that some of them refused to have the collar placed round their necks in full sight of every one. It must have been an unusually shameful proceeding which could elicit a decided protest from Ben. Butler. It illustrates not only the general character of the dynasty which is sought to be perpetuated, but it indicates the tactics of the office-holders' campaign, which commenced with the dismissal of Mr. Sumner from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and have been applied to every Republican who has dared to criticise a measure or advocate a reform, by Messrs. Conkling, Morton & Co., the whippers-in. The people have at last compelled the office-holders to show their hands. There is no longer any doubt of Executive dictation in politics. The White House was not placed so far away from the Capitol that its influences cannot reach the halls of Congress and control members with the menace of the withdrawal of patronage.

This act of Executive dictation to Congress is of the same character as the policy which has attempted the reconstruction of the South with the rule of the bayonet, and, if it shall prove successful, will lead to the same confusion and the same disastrous results. It was a bitter pill to swallow; but the policy of the Administration must be maintained. It is always galling for a man to wear a collar; but the drill and discipline of the party must be kept up. It is always hard for a man to act by coercion; but Grant must be renominated. This is the Alpha and the Omega of the argument of the office-holders, the basis upon which they are shaping the Philadelphia Convention. To prevent this dangerous accumulation of power in one man's hands, the Liberal Reform party has organized itself, and is opposing itself to the office-holders. It claims that there are other men in the Republican party besides General Grant. It demands that patronage shall be based upon fitness, and not bestowed simply as a reward for political services; that the authority of a State to manage its internal affairs is complete; that abuses must be reformed; and that the distribution of power in the various departments of the Government, according to the Constitution, is such that no one department can execute the powers peculiarly belonging to another. And, with these objects in view, Cincinnati, or the arm, motion, arrays itself against Philadelphia, under the dictation of the office-holders and the compulsion of patronage.

WHO PAYS THE DEBT?

An attempt was made at the Grant meeting in New York, by placards, inscriptions on campaign banners, and, by the speeches, to argue that General Grant ought to be re-elected, because during his Administration, the country has paid off some two hundred and seventy millions of the public debt, and at the same time reduced taxation by several millions per annum. Neither the rate of payment nor the reduction of taxation resulted from, or were in any manner affected by, any act or measure of President Grant's Administration. The laws of Congress levying the taxes were passed before he entered upon his office, and, under their operation, the tax-payers have forked over the money. Presidents Grant had no power to arrest the operation of those laws, or to accelerate the payment of the debt. If, however, President Grant is to be blindly credited with the operations of the laws of Congress, and if we are to invent the stupid fiction that the greater the tax-payers' burdens the greater the statesmanship of their rulers, we ought, instead of re-electing Grant, to re-elect Andrew Johnson, for, during Johnson's term, the monthly reduction of the debt, funded and floating, was greater than during Grant's term.

The truth is, that neither of these Presidents exercised any appreciable influence over the rate of payment of the debt. Neither of them ever recommended, still less obtained, either the laying or the repeal of a tax. Just as little, therefore, are they to be credited with the reduction of taxation. The reductions that have been made, especially during this Administration, have been wrung from a half-reluctant Congress by the determined demand of the tax-payers, and in every important instance Secretary Boutwell, as the financial representative of the Administration, has appeared before the Committees of Congress to oppose the reduction. These reductions are due far more to the power and influence of the independent press than to the Administration, and far more to THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE than to President Grant.

It is absurd for the Administration to claim the credit of two conflicting policies, with neither of which it ever had anything to do, except, as we have remarked, in its unsuccessful effort to prevent the reduction of taxation. If reduction of taxation is the true wisdom, then the rapid payment of the principal of the debt is a blunder, for, in proportion as taxes are reduced, payment of the principal is delayed. If, on the other hand, rapid payment of the principal is wise, then our rapid reduction of taxation is unwise. The English Government, and most of those of Europe, believe that the true prosperity, stability, and permanence of private and public business are best promoted by leaving the principal of the debt in the hands of the tax-payers, who generally would rather pay the interest on it than to pay off the principal. With the growth of ideas in our own country, we have learned to pay the debt more slowly with each successive year since the war, and doubtless will continue to do so until the practical question before Congress and the people shall be, whether the wealth of the nation is not more productive in the hands of the tax-payers than it is likely to be in those of the bond-holders, or whether the European fiscal system is not wiser than the American. Upon the decision of such a question, President Grant's opinions would have as little weight as those of his Secretary have heretofore had on reduction of taxation.

THE WHISKEY AND TOBACCO TAXES.

The Committee of Ways and Means have remodelled the laws relating to taxes on distilled spirits, and it is said in a most satisfactory manner. They simplify the law, reduce the cost of collection, and, without reducing the revenue per gallon, remove the many embarrassments which now attend the business. The Committee do not interfere with the present distilling and bonded system until after the expiration of the present year. This gives all those having stocks on hand time to dispose of them as if no new law was enacted. The new law is to apply to all spirits distilled after the date the act goes into effect.

The Committee propose, as the consolidated tax, 65 cents per gallon; and the bill abolishes all special taxes, making the one specific tax payable when the spirit is withdrawn from bond. This rate of taxation is so nearly the existing one that there is little room for speculation, though Congress may increase the rate. The collection of all tax at one payment will render useless the services of a large number of persons now employed by the Government. Whiskey for exportation is to pay a tax of 10 cents per barrel, and is delivered on board the vessel by the Federal officer, properly branded so as to prevent its being relanded. It is said that the bill, as framed by the Committee, is satisfactory to the Treasury and to the whiskey-manufacturers, and will pass without opposition. The tax on sales and the rectifier's tax are continued, though, if the rate be raised to 70 cents per gallon, these may be abolished.

In the matter of tobacco, the Committee propose an uniform rate of 20 cents per pound, instead of the present rates of 16, 24, and 32 cents. This is bitterly opposed by the two opposing interests in the trade. The smokers insist on 16 cents, and the "plug" men on 32 cents. The Committee also recommend the abolition of bonded tobacco warehouses.

EX-SECRETARY WELLES ON ROBESON.

The sinking of the Merrimac by the Monitor is in more than one respect parallel to the sinking of Robeson by the veteran ex-Secretary of the Navy, Gideon Welles. The Monitor, it will be remembered, was an unexpected visitor. Her appearance upon the scene of action was as sudden and mysterious as that of a comet in the skies or a bolt out of the clear heavens. Mr. Welles came into the Navy Investigation very much in the same style. His appearance was unexpected, sudden, and mysterious. It was the intention of the Robeson party to close up the inquiry on the 13th, and the witnesses were piled in pell-mell, and hurried through with that end in view. All went well up to the evening of that day. Mr. Welles had not been heard from, and the Robeson party felt themselves secure, and were already prepared to close up the investigation, when Mr. Welles came sailing in, with decks cleared and every gun shotted for action.

The attack was also as fierce and effective as in the famous naval battle. Mr. Welles poured in a steady fire of hot shot, grape-shot, chain-shot, canister, and shell, scarcely allowing time for the guns to cool or the smoke to clear away, while the return fire rattled off as harmlessly from the old veteran as did the Merrimac's fire from the iron armor of the Monitor. When one considers the calibre of the shot and shell which Mr. Welles poured into Mr. Robeson, it is little wonder that the action closed by the sudden submersion of the latter and his utter disappearance from the scene of conflict. We select a few of the missiles: When questioned whether the Secretary came to him for additional allowances, Welles replied that they did; but it was a ruse of his Department to regard anything which Congress had passed upon as settled finally. Not content with this, the Robeson party follow up the same line of attack, and inquire if he declined to reopen the accounts. To which he replies he did, and that it would have been an extraordinary proceeding for him to do such a thing, in the face of an act of Congress prohibiting it. The Robeson craft was staggered somewhat by this shot, but managed to come up into the wind again, and try another, as follows:

Q. Then you considered all claims which they might have had as finally adjusted and settled, so far as your Department was concerned, A. I did, most certainly. I have no idea that the Secretary has any right to interfere with, or in any way attempt to undo, a thing which Congress has finally settled and disposed of.

This shot carried away the masts and rigging, and, taking advantage of this confusion, Mr. Welles raked his antagonist fore and aft, reserving his turret gun, however, until the opportunity should come to use it. The opportunity came and was afforded by Robeson himself. Referring to a letter written by Mr. Welles to Mr. Dana, Robeson asks the unfortunate question whether he said anything in that letter about anybody receiving a present—the Secretary or a lady. To which Mr. Welles replies:

I learned that the requisition or requisitions were called for on the 1st of December; that the order from you came after the clerks had left; that it was a peremptory, imperative order; and that it was made out the next morning—New Year's Day. I also heard something about a lady who either received a present, or who exerted some influence; but I am not inclined to go into that subject, and I think you would not desire to have me.

The inevitable woman who is at the bottom of all mischief is at last unmasked. The shot is a fatal one, and carries away the rudder, and Robeson is all adrift, a floating hulk, without sail, helm, or compass. Welles takes position, and sinks the hulk with one crushing broadside:

Q. Do you know that these very same items were allowed and paid? A. I say that this and all other cases had been closed, adjusted, and settled by the Department long before I left. I had been appealed to to reopen them, and had refused. They were submitted to Congress for relief, and Congress allowed them something, with the express understanding that it should be final. I say that no man but a thief would reopen accounts thus settled and adjudicated by his predecessor. It has been the established rule of the Government from the foundation.

Now that Robeson is out of the way, would it not be well to know who this mysterious woman is; how much she got, and her career since her naval experiences? As Mr. Robeson himself has introduced her, there can be no harm in knowing her history. Perhaps it will give a clue to the lady in the French Arms case, and to ladies in some other investigations. It is the fault of nearly all our investigations that, while they are all well enough as far as they have gone, they have not gone far enough. They don't reach the Eves who offer the apples and induce the Adams to bite.

It was the custom, during Mr. Welles' administration, to term our Neptune a sleepy guardian. Considering the unflinching courage and the straightforward integrity with which this brave old man pierced every subterfuge in which Robeson and his witnesses sought to entrap him, and the clean record for himself which he developed, it would be a matter for public congratulation if all our officials were troubled with the same style of sleepiness. Gideon Welles' sleepiness in the light of the Robeson investigation turns out to have been the sleepiness of the faithful old watch-dog, crouched before the treasure, whose presumable somnolence is not a safe basis on which to develop a scheme of plunder.

THE FORE-BEACH MURDER CASE.

The trial, in St. Louis, of Joseph H. Fore for the murder of Munson Beach, has just closed by a verdict of "Not guilty," rendered on the standing plea of insanity. The facts were, that Fore had been married several years to a sister of Mrs. Beach; his wife had left him on the charge that he was drunken, improvident, and cruel, and had taken refuge with her sister, and hence, under the protection of Mr. Beach. She had also applied for a divorce from Fore on the grounds above indicated. Under these circumstances, Fore followed Beach for several days with the deliberate purpose of killing him, and at last succeeded in doing so. He then fled; but, learning that the shot had not proved fatal, he gave himself up. Subsequently, Beach died of the wound.

These are the general facts, without discussing that nearly always unsolvable problem, which one of the two married parties was to blame. That is immaterial, as the mere fact that a married woman desires to be sheltered from her husband's will or force is a sufficient reason to any gentleman, and especially to any relative, for affording her the shelter she seeks.

The St. Louis *Democrat*, discussing the verdict of acquittal, states that the "jury acquitted Fore because they believed him to be insane," and, at the same time, charges that they "not only violated every sense of justice, but wronged and outraged the cause of the people intrusted to their keeping." We might infer from this that the sense of justice of the St. Louis press requires its jurors to convict and send to the gallows men whom they believe to be innocent, *i. e.* insane. The facts that Mrs. Fore entered the Court-room with her husband to receive the verdict; that the expectation of an acquittal was the general one; that the audience were charged before the verdict was announced not to applaud; and that, immediately on its rendition, the prisoner embraced his wife with deep emotion, in which she appeared equally to share, would go far to satisfy the public that the verdict of the jury had a good deal of public sentiment in its favor.

These constantly-recurring verdicts of insanity in cases arising out of violent domestic difficulties, and their attending emotional excitements, only express the average conviction of the jurors, who investigate them more closely than the public, that the domestic affections and passions are a frequent source of insanity. At the same time, the insanity borders so closely on pure malice, that, if the consequence of a verdict of insanity were imprisonment in an insane asylum for as long a term as a verdict of guilty would imprison in a penitentiary, it would be found that insanity would be very seldom pleaded, and murders would be less frequently committed and oftener punished.

We print an article from the *Illinois Staats Zeitung* in relation to a silly charge that Colonel Frederick Hecker was opposed to Grant because he failed to get an office. The *Zeitung* differs from Hecker, but defends him from the slander, which, in this case, is most inexcusable. Of all men, the veteran Hecker is free from any selfish feeling in his public action. His whole life has been a continued act of patriotism, a refusal of official favors, and a preference for a life of toil. The slander will be refuted by every man in Illinois who knows Colonel Hecker, and particularly by his countrymen.

Mr. Willard, of Vermont, in a speech in the House, on Wednesday last, upon Civil Service Reform, charged the impossibility of obtaining a fair trial of the reform upon Congress, which had not given the President an encouraging response, and declared that, if the President were let alone, and were allowed to make appointments to, and removals from, office in his own way, everything would be lovely. Unfortunately for Mr. Willard's argument, the facts are against it. Congress has not interfered with the President in his application of the reform, but, on the other hand, vested the power in his hands of applying it, and voted him the supplies with which to do so. He has had both the power and the means with which to work, and how has he used them? Upon the recommendation of Mr. Snapp, he removes Mr. Whitman, the Assessor of Internal Revenue at Ottawa, in this State, for a political shortcoming, and, when his attention is called to the fact that, under the Civil Service Reform, which Mr. Willard thinks he is so anxious to carry out if Congress will let him alone, removals can be made for cause only, he neglects to apply the Civil Service remedy, and Mr. Whitman's successor is confirmed by the Senate, and is now a full-blown office-holder to contribute his mite toward the re-election of General Grant. If this be a disposition to carry out Civil Service Reform, it is, at least, a very singular way of showing it. Perhaps the dictation of the Postmaster-General to Congress in the interest of the President was also carrying out Civil Service Reform!

This attempt to transfer the responsibility of failing to give the reform a fair trial from the President to members of Congress, in the light of the affair at Ottawa, is too palpably absurd to need further comment.

Hon. Edward Rummel, Secretary of State, and General Herbert Dilger, Adjutant General, have signed the call for the Cincinnati Convention. Their names were received too late for insertion in the list published yesterday.

The Book-Trade—A Change Only in Name.

For nearly twenty-four years the name of S. C. Griggs & Co., Booksellers and Stationers, has been prominently connected with the educational interests and the intellectual advancement of the Northwest. On the 1st day of April that firm was dissolved; but the business of the house will go on with a wider influence, and it is believed with greater success, for the men who for years past have contributed most to its prosperity have now the entire control of its affairs. It started in 1848, and with it Egbert L. Jansen, then a mere boy from Orange County, New York. Soon after arriving at his majority he was admitted to a partnership, and, standing at the head of his house to-day, he is a fine example of what Chicago can do for honest, energetic young men. General A. C. McClurg became connected with the firm in 1859, and, on the breaking out of the war, joined the army and served with distinction, leaving it with the honors of a Generalship. His again devoted himself to the same business. His wide culture, courteous manners, and thorough devotion to his duties, have already won for him an enviable position among the enterprising young men of the city. F. B. Smith dates his connection with the house from 1860. His knowledge of the entire book-trade is comprehensive, we might say complete; and his industry and polite attentions are ever on the alert to serve the wants and the tastes of his customers. These are the gentlemen who, under the firm-name of Jansen, McClurg & Co., propose to furnish the mind and the culture of the Northwest with the best and the latest efforts that the science and the literature of the world can afford.

For the present they will remain at 607 Wabash avenue, formerly the beautiful home of Mr. Jansen, where the October fire drove them; but in due time their friends will find them in more commodious quarters. Of course, their extensive stock is entirely new. It is a stroll through their establishment, one will see literally cords of school-books, comprising the lists of all the publishers in the country. The most elegant gift-books published in this country and in Europe, selected with the most exquisite taste, are in large variety; while all standard historical, literary, scientific, and other works will be found in abundance. Blank-books and papers of all varieties, and general stationery, receive special attention. Pearl-spring cap, letter, and note are a brand owned by this house, and are specially commended to the public. Mr. John Terrance, familiar with the business from his youth, and deservedly one of the most popular men in the stationery trade in the West, is at the head of this department of the business. All orders for books or stationery from country customers and dealers will be filled as carefully and at as cheap rates as if purchasers were present.

It may be safely said that the bookstores of a great commercial centre are a correct index of the taste and the intellectual culture of the people of the country that surrounds it, and for this reason Chicago has always pointed with honest pride to her book-stores. For years past they have been second to the largest to be found in the country. The public may rest assured that this, really our oldest house, will always realize the highest anticipations of the cultivated, intellectual people of our city and of the entire Northwest.

The Delhi *Gazette* preaches a delightful sermon from the text in Hoyt Writ-in which the Magistrate is called "the Minister of God," and is commanded "not to bear the sword in vain." At least, this is the nominal text; the discourse seems to be based entirely on the latter part. The *Gazette* gravely proposes that any native who murders an European shall be punished as follows: He shall be branded on the forehead with a large M; he shall have both his arms amputated above the elbow; he shall be confined in an iron cage for 21 years, during which time he shall be kept on exhibition in London, and whipped once a month, on the day and hour of his crime; and he shall then, if alive, be beheaded, dissected, and buried in a Mussulman, and buried if a Christian. The *Gazette* holds that such a law, if translated into the different dialects and widely distributed throughout Hindostan, would prevent all murders. It is charitable to suppose that the editor of the *Gazette* is insane.

As Spencer Coleman, colored, was walking through the woods, meditating on the greatness of the Supreme Being, he heard a still, small voice, saying, "Now will I show this unbelieving age a miracle! I caused Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to walk through the fiery furnace, and I will give you the power to walk on hot iron." This is the story of Spencer Coleman, and in proof thereof he does walk on red-hot iron plates and handle them, and does both with impunity. The New York *Tribune* explains the clever attempt at fraud by the use of some chemical compound, but no more abstruse compound than water is necessary. By first putting his hand into cold water, a man can plunge it into molten iron without injury. This simple fact is probably the real explanation of the "miration" which Spencer Coleman is displaying to an unbelieving world.

We have heard so much of the head-sex and the heart-sex that we can with difficulty believe the statement that, in America, heart-disease kills eight men to every three women. Nevertheless, the statistics of many years confirm this idea. Medical authorities attribute it to the comparative freedom of the feminine heart from care and anxiety, which, doubtless, is a true explanation. The fact suggests a hitherto unnoticed danger of woman-suffrage. The admission of women to political privileges will greatly increase their duties and cares. If they compete with men in everything, their liability to heart-disease will be nearly trebled. If this happens, if the standard of feminine health in America is made even lower than it is now, the results to our home-life, almost ruined at present by headaches, nerves, etc., will be appalling.

After the deluge of rhyme on the Chicago fire, it was gratifying to read Whittier's verses, which, for poetry made to order, were good. After enduring the far worse infliction of the dashes on canvas and paper, representing Chicago in flames, it is gratifying to hear that a really good picture of the scene is at last in existence. It has been painted by the well-known Boston artist, Hamilton, and is highly praised by competent critics. A curious story is told of it. When it was first completed, some Chicagoan told Hamilton that he had made the wind blow the wrong way. With infinite care and patience he reversed the whole picture, only to find out that he was right at first, so that there was another long delay, until he could make his intended correction and restore the painting to its pristine condition.

The Louisiana Courts are doing a good work in revealing the deeds of the Louisiana legislators. The latest *exposé* is in the case of Walter R. Wheyland, killed by the Sergeant-at-Arms of one of the law-making factions of the late Legislature. It was long since proved that Wheyland was never legally elected, but these revelations are interesting as proofs of the sort of men our errors have foisted on the South. Two wives are suing for the dead man's property; and it appears from the evidence that he was divorced from the first to marry the second, and that, when drunk, he went with wife No. 2 before a drunken Judge, had a mock-marriage celebrated, and lived with her until his death. This is an admirable showing.

A year ago, three Indian Chiefs were captured in Texas, tried in a regular Court, convicted of murder, and sentenced to be hung. At the solicitation of the Indian Department, Governor Davis commuted their punishment to imprisonment for life. While on their way to the Penitentiary, one of them tried to escape, and so was shot and instantly killed. The other two, wearying of their confinement, have devised a nice little scheme. They affect ill-ness, to gather their tribes on some reservation and keep the peace forever-more. It is a frontier maxim to treat an Indian as far as you can see him, and no further. It is not probable that the frontiersmen of Texas will be humbugged by this transparent case of red-skinned cunning.

Who is Gibbons? Gibbons calls himself President of the Workingmen's Central Union of New York, and writes to the Grant demonstration in that city, pledging the 20,000 members of the Union to "vote and work for the re-election of General Grant." The Workingmen's Central Union has already declined to enrol itself in the International, on the ground that the latter is a political association and the Union is not. In view of this fact, the assumption of this man Gibbons, that he carries its 20,000 votes in his pocket and can cast them as he will, seems very decidedly absurd. It is evident that our demagogues are not all dead yet.

We are in receipt of the official report of the late Wisconsin Unitarian Conference. The resolutions adopted cover a wide ground, varying from an indorsement of Civil Service Reform to a recommendation of Mrs. Jones' Sunday School Lessons. We glean one amusing little incident: Wasgaeza is a strongly Methodist town. The doctrines of Liberal Christianity provoked much opposition there, so that, when the Methodist minister declared his belief in a literal hell, "with plenty of brimstone in it," the leading Elder shouted, "Thank God for the brimstone!" and all the people responded, "Amen!"

The Canadian Parliament has unanimously voted an inquiry into the real status of the canal through the St. Clair Flats. This canal was planned by United States Engineers and excavated by United States money. When fully completed, it was discovered that it lay entirely within the Canadian boundary, so that we have not the shadow of a claim in law, however it may be in equity, to the results of our labors and expenditures. For a year or so, the subject has been suffered to remain in abeyance; but the resolution of the Canadian Parliament indicates that the Dominion has decided to maintain its undoubted rights.

Charles Reade, fifth of English novelists and first of English egotists, is about to sue five journals for libel, on account of their sarcastic comments on a recent play of his, "Sally Shally." Such a choleric author would do well not to carry out his plan of coming to America to lecture. Our often ruthless criticism would fairly scorch him, and our Courts would be as full of libel-suits as when Fenimore Cooper was busied in proving that his last novels were as good as his first, by suing every one who said they were not.

As some confusion exists in the public mind with regard to the counsel of Mr. A. T. Stewart, the New York dry goods merchant, relative to the late "great office-holders' meeting, it is proper to state that the call for the meeting was presented to him, and he declined to sign it. The name which has been confounded with his is that of Mr. Alexander Stuart, the sugar-refiner, of the same city.

POLITICAL.

The Detroit correspondents of the Cincinnati *Commercial* writes, April 13:

In the southwestern part of the State, wherever THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE'S circulates, the anti-Grant men are a majority of the Republican party.

—Caesius M. Clay, being interviewed, said he intended to vote for the nominees of the Cincinnati convention, whoever they might be. He thought more wisdom and patriotism would be represented in Cincinnati than had been assembled in any political convention for years.

—At Columbus, Ohio, the call for a meeting to elect delegates to the Cincinnati Convention is signed by nearly a score of prominent and influential Republican citizens, mostly Germans.

—The St. Paul *Dispatch* says:

In response to numerous inquiries that we are receiving by mail and personally, we will state that the Liberal Republicans of this State will hold no convention to appoint delegates. There will be no State Convention held to send delegates to Cincinnati, simply because that is a Mass and not a Delegate Convention which renders such action unnecessary. An address will soon be issued, and fifteen well known Republicans are already made arrangements to attend the Convention. That number is likely to be doubled or trebled during the next week. The Liberal Republicans of Minnesota are determined on electing the next President of the United States.

—Among leaders of the Liberal movement in Orange County, N. Y., is Mr. E. P. Wheeler, a Grant office-holder in 1868.

—Liberal Republicans in Pennsylvania are talking of the Hon. James K. Morehead, of Pittsburgh, for Governor, Judge Thompson for the Supreme Court, and Edward Joy Morris and Henry D. Foster for Congressman-at-Large. McClure says there is not the slightest chance for Hartranft, the Grant ring candidate for Governor, and thinks he will withdraw. The Democrats will not run a State ticket, and it is said by some that the Labor Reform Convention, which meets at Williamsport on the 7th of May next, will name the next Governor.

—It is related by a Western enthusiast that even the noble red man has become so infatuated with the new prospects of the reinstated party that a delegation of warriors are to attend the Philadelphia Convention, to indorse his renomination.

—The New York *World* prints a communication setting forth some points in Judge Davis' record, which, in the estimation of the writer, tend to weaken him with Democratic voters, and says:

We may remember, but we are permitted to say, without offence to anybody, that this taking into the past record of public men willing to join the great movement for reform, is not, in all cases, considered wise. The new movement cannot be successful without ignoring such differences of opinion.

—The Senatorial combat thickens in Connecticut. Even the Democratic papers are taking a hand in just as freely as though they had a right to, and doing their best to set the victorious Republicans by the ears. Thus the Hartford *Times* mentions a rumor that General Hawley was beaten in '69 by "a bag of $25,000."

PERSONAL.

General Joseph Hooker will start for California early next month.

—Gilmore is said to have invited the famous Vocal Memnon, of Thebes, to the Boston Jubilee.

—Cleveland gives her female public librarian a salary of $1,500 a year.

—A. D. Wilson, (Democrat) is a candidate for re-election as Clerk of the Supreme Court of Illinois in the First Division.

—The Rev. Stephen H. Tyng and the Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler sailed yesterday for Europe.

—President Grant is expected to attend the meeting of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, at Cleveland, the 7th of May.

—The vacant Comptrollership of Currency practically lies between the Assistant, John Jay Knox, and Chief Clerk Saville of the Treasury.

—In a recent letter Brownlow claims that, notwithstanding the physical weakness, he discharges his duties as a Senator about as well as the majority.

—General Carter brought to the military reunion at Detroit the table on which Generals Grant and Lee signed the capitulation of the latter.

—There is a lady in Washington Territory who has killed eight Indians with her little rifle, and yet she has never held an appointment on the Indian Peace Commission.

—In a effort to bring trade in St. Louis to secure the election of Miss Phebe W. Cousins, a graduate of the St. Louis High School and of the Law School, as Superintendent of Schools.

—R. J. Reekie, of Montreal, has been informed that his share of the profits in certain South American railways amounts to £300,000 sterling.

—Dr. Saunders, of Philadelphia, has just pledged himself to go on raising funds for the Presbyterian Hospital on Saunders avenue, till he obtains $1,000,000, including the list now completed of $400,000.

—B. G. Northrop, of Connecticut, is going to Japan as School Superintendent. He will teach the young ideas of the Island Empire how to shoot with Weathersfield onions, wooden blocks, and patent nutmegs.

—Mr. Ruttkay, of Des Moines, a nephew and constant correspondent of Kossuth, says the Hungarian patriot is not rich, but has an income sufficient for all his wants, and lives in comfortable style.

—A female smuggler of silks, who has just been convicted at Buffalo and sentenced to the Albany Penitentiary, while on her way thither got the officer in charge of her drunk, and escaped into New York city.

—Mr. Locke has been desirous of discontinuing the "Petroleum Nasby" letters for the past two years, but his associates in business have refused to permit it, regarding them as a part of their stock in trade.

—The Tichborne claimant complained bitterly to a London reporter, who recently visited him in Newgate Prison, of the injustice done him, and expressed himself confident of acquittal of the crime of perjury. He suggests that the jury were frightened at the prospect of 300 more witnesses being examined, and so decided abruptly against him.

—Sojourner Truth (writing to the *Golden Age* through a private secretary) gives information that she is now in Mendota, Ill., but is shortly going to Washington to look a little after the Government. She has been lecturing in Iowa and Kansas all winter long. The old lady (judging from her epistle) is just as young and crispy as ever.

—The Maysville (Ky.) *Bulletin* says that the first white man who ever entered the State of Kentucky was John Finley, who came to Maysville in 1767. In 1773 he settled at the Upper Blue Lick Spring, which has been owned by his family to the present day. During the Revolutionary war he was a soldier in the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Regiment.

—A man and wife in Detroit left their four-year-old son alone, the other evening, though the child begged them to take him with them, saying he was afraid of bears and wolves. He screamed violently when they left the house, and, on their return, they found that he had been made insane by fright. It is feared that he will be an idiot for the remainder of his days.

—The New York *Mail* speaks of a curious custom:

A few days since a Portuguese ship arrived at Philadelphia, from Lisbon, and on Good Friday the crew, in accordance with a time-honored custom, hung up at the foreyard-arm of the ship an effigy of Saul (better known as Judas Iscariot). There he was allowed to dangle, much to the delight of the crowd of persons who chanced to pass the wharf, and who were invited to contribute to the "Saul Fund," until the following Sunday noon. Then the forecastle bell sounded and Saul was lowered. With horrible yells and imprecations, the crew fell upon him with capstan bars and belaying pins, and beat, kicked, and pounded him, trampled him on the deck, and literally tore him to pieces. Then the flags, which had been at half-mast, were run to the peak, and the sailors went quietly about their accustomed duty.

—The Marquis of Lorne's brother, Lord Walter Campbell, who is in business at New York, was recently introduced to a young American who had drank wine enough to be supremely candid, and the words "Lord Walter Campbell" caused him to say in a loud tone, "That's played out—these English Lords are base counterfeits. I have no respect for a lord." Lord Campbell, but I don't want to have any body pretend that he's a Lord." Lord Campbell accepted apologies, and remarked that he himself would wish to see the credentials of any one pretending to be a nobleman, instead of accepting him on trust.

WASHINGTON.

Will Grant Decline at Philadelphia?

A Garden-Seed Imbroglio—The Grief of Rip Van Trump.

The Cincinnati Nominees—Philadelphia Campaign Fund.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, April 18.

When the cat's away, the mice will play; and I was, therefore, agreeably surprised, when I reached New York, after two weeks' absence, to find the country pretty much the same—only better. Mr. Trumbull was already prepared to make his speech at the Cooper Institute. Three-fourths of the circulation of Republican journals was fixed in that new departure and renaissance movement. The Democratic party, with revived ability and patriotism, had done nothing to assist our intellectual Colossus to four more years of self-enjoyed dulness. I found, also, the White House cohort in great alarm, and one of the body-guard said to me:

GRANT MAY DECLINE.

"Do you know that Grant has really deliberated the possibility of declining the nomination at Philadelphia? It would be just like him, you know; for he is governed very much more by his dislikes than his ambition and he now sees that this Chicago breakfast is tremendous affair, which takes with it the whole momentum and engineery of the Republican party, except the county printing and officeholders. But, at this late day, he could not name his successor, and no man whom he might name would rally what remains of his side of the party."

I also found the President just over an attack of the cholera-morbus, developed by his late missionary visit to the distinguished and intellectual John Hoey, of New York; and he was now in that state of mind which tempts great men to write letters on blank cards, inquiring of this or that brother-in-law whether information has not been given, affecting this or that Secretary, to notorious newspaper correspondents. Before long, the house of Grant, Dent & Co. will be divided against itself, for the buttresses now want to be the spire. In short, nothing at the White House looks felicitous, and the Administration Senators all ran over to New York last Saturday to levy a tax on the Custom House clerks to get up a meeting as a counterpart of the big Liberal turn-out at Cooper Institute.

THE CHARITY FUND.

If Grant could be elected, the Custom House clerks in New York might bring a bill for drawback for the 50 per cent that has been taken from them since the latter days of Thomas Murphy; and, as this was paid to support the Providence of the world and Captain of our salvation, what more consistent than that Congress should pay it back? It will be proved that, under the present Administration, the revenue collected at the port of New York has been increased 4 per cent, and that a small return of 2 per cent of this would very nearly meet the 50 per cent contributed by the subordinate Inspectors' meeting at the Cooper Institute.

MR. SUMNER'S STAUNCH.

I called at Mr. Sumner's Saturday night, and found that hale old statesman reading Carl Schurz's speech in full, and he had a very happy countenance. I told Mr. Sumner, on behalf of the thirty-eight millions of us who are his correspondents, that he was just now between three sides. Fred. Douglass was down as New Orleans, with the Administration approval, in the act of brandying butter on Mr. Sumner to induce him to scowl towards Cincinnati; young Nast, the scene-painter, had taken a rest in his former rough captures of Sumner, and was now attempting to

THE LAW COURTS.

Decision of Considerable Importance to Commission Merchants.

Suit Against Stockholders in the Mutual Security Insurance Company.

The Supreme Court.

DECISION OF IMPORTANCE TO COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

The Supreme Court, through Mr. Justice Walker, had rendered an interesting and important decision, in the case of Charles C. Mosher et al. vs. McLagan, which was carried up from the Circuit Court, by Mr. Justice Walker, of Cook County. It appears that in June, of 1870, Hamlin surprised the appellants, who were commission merchants, to buy him some wheat, which was to be delivered to him at any time he might wish during the following month, they to receive 1/8 of 1 cent a bushel as compensation, and to keep all grain less costs as a margin. It was also understood that when the grain was delivered Hamlin was to pay for and receive it, holding it to account for advances. After a time, wheat declined, and advances. After a time, wheat declined, and McLagan's margin disappeared. McLagan's margin disappeared. McLagan's margin disappeared.